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'Plan for success' may not succeed

Brandon Thomas
News Editor

The number of students on campus has been steadily increasing over the past five years, but is PUC doing everything in its power to keep all of them here on campus?

PUC proposed a 'Plan for Success' in 2001 which called for a ten percentage point raise in 1-year retention rates and 6-year graduation rates by 2006.

The premise for the initiative was based on research the university conducted to discover why students did not stay in school. The research revealed that students who did not keep on schedule with their majors were more likely to drop out. The 'Plan for Success' was to be promoted to keep students on track with requirements in their major.

The 1-year retention rate for students has only gone up by 1 percentage point since 2001. On the PUC Web site graduation rates were only given until 1999. The 6-year retention rates records were not available for this time period.

The general population of PUC has spiked since 2001. The university has added approximately 100 faculty members and 200 students.

The retention problem has been persistent with other universities across the country. More than a quarter of students who enter four-year institutions and half of those who enter two-year schools depart at the end of their first years. Attempts to adjust retention rates have led to research regarding the development of human potential, education equity and institutional accountability. Some universities have targeted specific races or backgrounds of students and others have looked at financial and social issues of attending a university, according to Journal of College Student Development

"The solution [for student retention rates] should not be aimed at a target audience. Don't consider race, just solve student retention rates," said Miranda Mathena, senior political science major, who researched PUC retention rates.

The current means of handling unprepared students is to send them into a remedial program at a different college. If a student applies for admission at PUC and does not meet the requirements for acceptance, then they are sent to Ivy Tech for a two-year pre-requisite for PUC prior to attending the university.

This program was designed by the university after raising the admission standards. Its purpose is to raise graduation rates.

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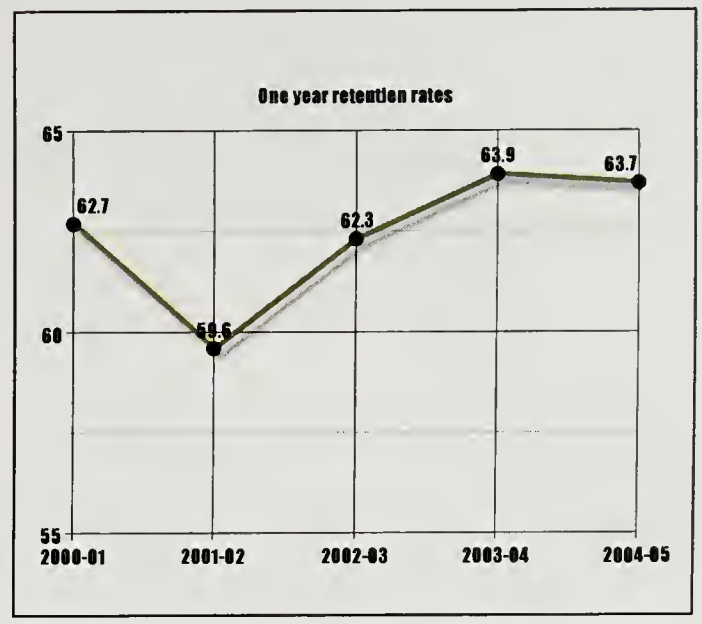

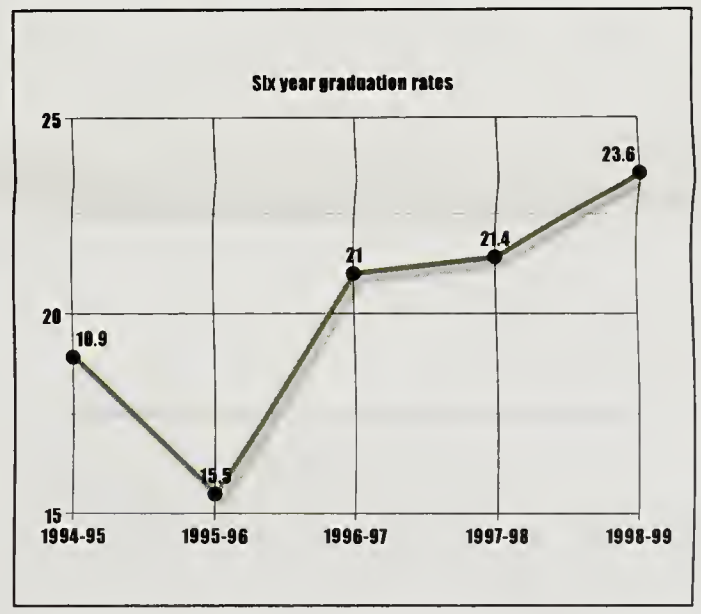

Hip-hop plays role in social expression for minorities

Chronicle photo by Derek Newell

People of all races gathered in SUL Friday to discuss the continued struggle for equality.

Caitlin Ryder
Assistant News Editor

Alumni Hall resembled what Martin Luther King Jr. discussed in his 'I Have a Dream' speech Friday night. People of all races gathered together to celebrate the continued struggle for equality at the Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Convocation on Jan 26.

The winners of the MLK 'I Have a Dream' Rap Contest were announced. The first, second and third place winners were Ricardo Huizar, Davis Moore, and Gregory Wicker. A CD of all the contestants' entries is in the works and will be for sale at PUC in the future.

The program was centered on the theme 'The Hip-Hop Generation: Living King's Dream'.

"Young people are using language to cut to the heart of [important issues]," Chancellor Howard Cohen said, comparing King's eloquence to the hip-hop generation's political and moral based lyrics.

The event drew in many speakers from campus groups, faculty members and performers from local high schools.

"Peace without justice isn't peace. It's a one sided war," said Sociology Professor Alan Spector, expressing the importance of the fight for justice.

Merrillville High School's Vocal teens sang spiritual hymnals, while rhythmic drumming and dancing were performed by Munster High School's African Drum and Dance Ensemble.

Miranda Mathena, president of the Black Student Union, believes ignoring ideologies and pursing knowledge can help deteriorate social barriers.

"By no means is our work done," said Michael Vega, vice president of the social justice club.

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Newfound pride for PUC in lyrics of first fight song

David P. Funk
Editor in Chief

PUC adopted a fight song, Lee Ann DeYoung's number 14 Lady Peregrine jersey became the first retired in PUC history and dozens of homecoming kings and queens were crowned Saturday evening.

"Take Flight Mighty Peregrines," written by Rick Riddering, will be heard at PUC events for years to come.

Riddering has deep PUC roots. He is an alumnus, was the first sports editor of *The Chronicle* and currently serves as assistant vice chancellor for student development and outreach.

Other finalists included "Peregrine Pride" by Wendy Stocks and "Purdue Calumet Spirit/Fight Song" by Joseph Anderson and Brian Bright. Stocks is a PUC alumna and a visiting instructor of food and nutrition. Anderson is a sophomore majoring in secondary education and physics. Bright is a graduate student and instructor.

DeYoung, now DeYoung-Slowik, also received the Purdue Alumni Association-Calumet's annual Bob Hayes Athletic Alumni Award, presented to a former PUC athlete or other graduate who has distinguished himself or herself in sports or another field after graduation.

DeYoung-Slowik is PUC's all-time leading scorer with 2,592 points.

This year's homecoming dance came too early in the semester to allow enough time for king and queen campaigns, Carol Wolfe, a secretary in student activities, said.

Student activities feared any momentum built through campaigning before winter break would be lost during the time off and decided to do things a little differently this year.

Everyone who came to The Center for the dance was given a tiara or crown, and the entire room was king or queen for the night.

"I'm glad they made me a queen tonight, because kings and queens are treated special," said Jessica Drajin, a freshman elementary education major, who attended the dance with her fiancé, Mike Speers of Schneider.

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ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

March 10th is an important date for you

March 10th is the date your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) must be RECEIVED BY the federal processor in order to be considered for all levels of aid–federal, state, campus-based, institutional and need-based scholarships–for the 2007-08 academic year.

The information on the FAFSA is used to determine the amount of need-based aid you are eligible to receive during the 2007-08 academic year. We recommend that all returning Purdue Calumet students complete and submit the FAFSA.

FAFSA assistance

To assist you in completing your 2007-2008 FAFSA, financial aid specialists are available on **College Goal Sunday, Feb. 11 at 2 p.m.** College Goal Sunday is a statewide program that provides FREE information and assistance to Indiana families applying for college financial aid. Attendees should bring to the program 2006 income information, which includes tax returns, W-2 forms, and other income and benefits information.

Purdue Calumet is hosting College Goal Sunday programs at *The Calumet Conference Center, (south of 173rd Street) and* The Academic Learning Center in Merrillville Feb. 11.

Among the special services to be offered are:

- Filing online at *www.fafsa.ed.gov* *(available to students who have a completed 2006-07 FAFSA worksheet).*
- Spanish translator

Scholarship availability

This is also the time to begin searching for scholarships. Scholarships may be based on need, academic strength (merit) alone or a combination of need and merit. Scholarship donors identify the criteria to be met by potential recipients. March 10 is also the deadline to submit Purdue University Calumet's Merit Award Application. These applications are available at the Enrollment Services Center, Lawshe 130, or online at *www.calumet.purdue.edu/finaid*

About 55 percent of Purdue University Calumet students receive some $20 million annually in financial assistance-based on need and/or merit.

But unless current students, prospective students and their families follow through appropriately on the financial aid application process, they likely will miss out on valuable education funding.

What's Going On?

A Look Around...

'Right to Know Training'

This seminar will be on Feb. 6 from from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in SULB 321.

John Feeney, PUC occupational health & safety specialist, wil be giving a presentation for all student employees.

Fore more information contact Lorraine Fiordelisi, career services/student employment at 219-989-2600.

PUC Counseling Center Spring 2007 Events

The counseling Center will be offering group therapy sessions for all enrolled PUC students.

There will be events on Feb. 5, Feb. 14, Feb. 26, March 5, April 5 and 30. Admission is free and students must bring an ID. For more information visit the counseling center in Gyte 5 or call at 219-989-2366.

Super Bowl Party

On Sunday Feb. 4 in the Calumet Falls T.V. room of SULB there will be a party celebrating Super Bowl XLI. There will be free food for all attendees. Doors will open at 5 p.m. The game begins at 5:15 p.m.

Alpha Psi Lambda

They are the first coed latino fraternity in the nation. They will be havign their first informational session on Monday Jan. 29 in Gyte 116 from 11:00 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be another meeting in Porter 200 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

For more information contact Jaun Rios at 219-801-1593 or by e-mail at malo1814@yahoo.com.

Job Fair Session

On Tuesday Jan. 30 in SULB 321 from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. there will be a 'Backpacks to Briefcases Seminar regarding job fairs.

The session is sponsored by the Office of Career Services.

For more information contact the CCO at 219-989-2600 or stop by the office in SULB 249.

Ship of Fools Improv Troupe to perform at Towle Theatre

Purdue University's student-run improvisational comedy organization is coming to the region for the first time to perform at the Towle Community Theater.

The Towle Theatre is in Hammond and the even will take place on Friday Feb. 15 from 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Tickets are $10 for the general public or $5 with a college ID and are available by contacting the Towle Community Theater at 219- 937-8780.

Red Cross Blood Drive

There will be a blood drive sponsored by the Welness Center and the School of Nursing.

It will be on Feb. 6 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. And Feb. 7 from 9 a .m. to 3 p.m. in Alumni Hall.

Walkin-ins must bring an I.D. but appointments are being taken by contacting the Wellness Center at 219-989-2709.

Relationship Workshop

This is a workshop sponsored by the Counselling Center. It is for people to enhance a current relationship or future relationships.

It will be on Wednesday Feb. 14 in Gyte 5 from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The event is free but students must bring I.D.'s.

For more information contact the Counselling Center at 219-989-1360.

Financial Managmenet Association of Students Call-out

The club will be having a meeting and guest speakers on Tuesday Jan. 30 in the 'Room with a View' (next to the Oaken Arbor Cafe) from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

For more information refer to the FMAS website at life.calumet.purdue.edu/fmas.

Submitting Briefs

Anyone interested in publicizing events, organizations, clubs or departments in "What's Going On?" must submit briefs the Monday before publication. The Chronicle does not guarantee placement of briefs submitted.

Please limit submissions to four sentences and include the first and last name of the contact person.

Briefs may be submitted via e-mail at chronicle@calumet.purdue.edu or campus cc: mail - Chronicle or to the newsroom located in the Student Union and Library building, room 344H.

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World News

Militants killed by combined U.S. and Iraqi forces

250 militants have been killed by U.S. and Iraqi forces. The deaths can be attributed to a series of attacks in northern parts of Najaf

-BBC Report

Schools attacked overseas

A total of seven children were killed in two attacks on schools in the Middle East. Five high school students were killed in Baghdad from a mortar and and two were killed in a secondary school in Ramadi. 20 other students were injured by the bombing.

-BBC Report

Saudis look for peace with Palestine

Saudi Arabia's King Abdullah has invited rival Palestinian leaders to a meeting in Mecca aimed at ending a recent wave of factional fighting.

Three days of fighting have led to the deaths of 22 people between the governing Hamas faction and its rival, Fatah.

-BBC Report

India proposes defence plan to prevent atacks from space

The plan was proposed to help protect Indiam territory and assets.

Last week India tested technology for a manned space mission.

India says it is to build an aerospace defence command aimed at preventing possible attacks from space.

The Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh called for a "weapons free outer space."

-BBC Report

Yemeni Jews Islamist terrost threats

45 Jewish people in Yemen travelled to take refuge in a hotel in northern Yemen after receiving death threats from Muslim extremists.

The group fled their village 10 days ago when they were confronted by masked radical Islamist gunmen.

the Salem Jews received a letter accusing them of spreading vice and corruption.

The message was clear - the Jews must leave the country or lose their lives.

-BBC News

Arab becomes first Israeli cabinet member

The Israel government has voted to appoint an Arab Muslim to the cabinet. For the first time in the history of the Jewish state. Raleb Majadele was elected to the position of Israeli cabinet member.

The election will allow necessary represenation from Arab-Israelites.

-BBC News

Students killed in Baghdad blast

AP photo

A mortar was dropped onto a previously attacked region in Baghdad that is now a school. Five girls were killed by the blast.

CTIS Connection

Administrative Services at Purdue University Calumet

Technical Assistance for Students

Over the past year, many technology changes were made to better serve student technology needs. The Computing Services & Support Center (CSSC) is no longer just for faculty and staff on campus. Students may also contact the CSSC for technology related assistance.

Although there are several methods of contacting the CSSC, the preferred method is via web requests. You may submit a request at http://www.calumet.purdue.edu/ctis/ and click on Request Service Now. You will need your login username. All student requests will be responded to via your NetMail account. If you are not able to access your NetMail account, you will need to leave alternate contact information. Requests may take between 24 to 48 hours to resolve. Please include the nature of the request and a contact phone number when placing a request.

Alternate forms of submitting requests are via personal visit at Gyte 133, e-mail at csc@calumet.purduc.edu, or by telephone at 219-989-2888, option 2.

Visit the CSSC in Gyte 133 to pick up a Student Computing Resource Guide. This handy booklet contains information relating to placing service requests and the technology available to students on campus as listed below.

Student Technology Resources

As a student at Purdue Calumet, you have several computing resources available to you. These resources include:

- 50 MB of network storage space.
- A university email address.
- Space for personal website development.
- Online access to your student records.
- Online access to a variety of library services.
- Space for group projects in the Main Lab and the 3rd floor of the SFLC.
- Free McAfee Anti-virus software.
- Access to computers and specialized software in over 34 computer labs.
- Consulting services through the Main Computer Lab in the Powers building.
- Ability to purchase computer software at minimum prices in the bookstore.
- Wireless access to the campus network.

Information on these services can be obtained through the CSSC in Gyte 133.

www.calumet.purdue.edu/ctis

Your feedback on our services is always welcome. Please send your comments to Vikki Caywood, User Support Coordinator at caywoodv@calumet.purdue.edu.

National News

Clinton wants troops out of Iraq by '09

Hillary RodhamClinton called for President Bush to pull troops out of Iraq by the time his presideny reaches its end in 2009 in her commencement address on Jan. 28 in Iowa.

Clinton contested that she knew enough about "evil and bad men" to protect the country from its ememies.

-The New York Times Report

Israel violates arms pact

The Bush Administration will announce on Monday that Israel has violated an arms pact with the Unites States. According to the State Department, they fired American-supplied cluster munitions into southern Lebanon during its fight with Hezbollah last summer. Officials expect little further action by the Bush Administration on the issue.

-The New York Times Report

Bomb-grade material abundance throughout globe

The Unites States has spent much time worrying about potential weapons of mass destruction across the globe. For a time, in a Cold War program called Atoms for Peace, the U.S. actually supplied highly enriched uranium, a key component of nuclear weapons.

The threat of unknown countries having access to dangerous bomb material may be larger because of this initiative by the U.S.

-Chicago Tribune Report

National Mall protested by thousands

President George W. Bush's call for more troops in Iraq triggered a rally at the National Mall on Saturday. Demonstrators came from all over the United States, and many said that they would show their unhappiness with the war and press congressman to act on what many protesters are calling an injustice.

-New York Times Report

W.v.a wages war on obsity

WieghtWachers will be offering weight loss programs for any West Virginia residents. The state Medicaid program and also the health benefit group Unicaid.

The program was adapted because Medicaid was facing upwards of $100 million in annual costs. This loss of money was attributed to obesity and Medicaid is going to be spending the money to try and corrext the problem and save the Untied States a littl money in the process.

-AP

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Career Opportunities Website Available for students

Kalyn Nelson
Staff Writer

Career Services is making an effort to improve the opportunity of employment for PUC graduates. The idea came about a dozen years ago as a result of a Purdue faculty member having a brainstorm to help students in their future career path. Beth Pellicciotti, assistant vice chancellor for academic quality programs worked with the career offices at the Purdue University West Lafayette campus.

The Center for Career Opportunities is the website available for students. Students can access informational research by navigating through a special website called www.CCO.Purdue.edu. When a students enters the CCO website they click on the student section where they will create a new user password to gain access. The website will then have the student create a personal profile. They will have the opportunity to upload a resume into the system and the information will become proactive within the website.

When the student becomes active in the system the potential employer will review the resume and if the criteria are met for the company, then they will send the student a schedule with a time for a potential interview.

Career Services Assistant Donna Weidenfeller, said there are benefit sessions where information about the various companies and the positions are available for the students. Six hundred fortune 500 companies go annually to these job fairs to interview students.

"The program encourages the students to sign up for this program by getting the word out around the campus and having active participation," said Weidenfeller.

Last year's job fair had over 400 student attendees. The differences between job fairs held at PUC and at Purdue University are students in West Lafayette organize and sponsor the job fair, while at PUC the career office staff sponsors the event.

There are various positions offered such as internships and co-op programs available for engineering and technology students.

With the co-op program, the student splits the semester in half with a year-and-a-half of school and work.

After returning from co-op, the classes become secondary because of the hands on training from the work study program. Students can also obtain some networking with potential employers, if the potential employer does not have a job available for the student at that particular time they may keep the resume on file for a future position.

Interested in finding a career?

There will be a job fair in the gym from 11 a.m.to 2 p.m. on Feb. 2 with over 70 employers registered for the event. Your student I.D. card includes your admission into the job fair.

The career services department will now be holding about 5 or 6 job fairs per year.

Rates

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Mathena feels the university must help students while they are here. She believes this would require proper support systems and a means of educating students on what the expectations of the university entail.

"Many students have the entitlement syndrome, where they believe they worked hard and deserve to make a lot of money. It can be hard-hitting when students expect immediate success and do not get it," said Rick Riddering of student development and outreach.

MLK

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Keynote speaker of the night, Bakari Kitwana, discussed the emerging hip-hop political movement. He feels Americans need to become active in making changes to improve the economy and reform education.

"America is no longer in black and white," said Kitwana.

Kitwana believes the connection of the hip-hop political movement and King's lessons on morality are closely related. Kitwana also stressed the difference between the hip-hop movement from the hip-hop music on stations like MTV.

"The youth have become immobilized through hip-hop art," Kitwana said. "This is an artistic and cultural movement."

Kitwana thinks hip-hop can be turned into a political force; a voice for voiceless millions of Americans suffering from oppression and poverty.

Homecoming

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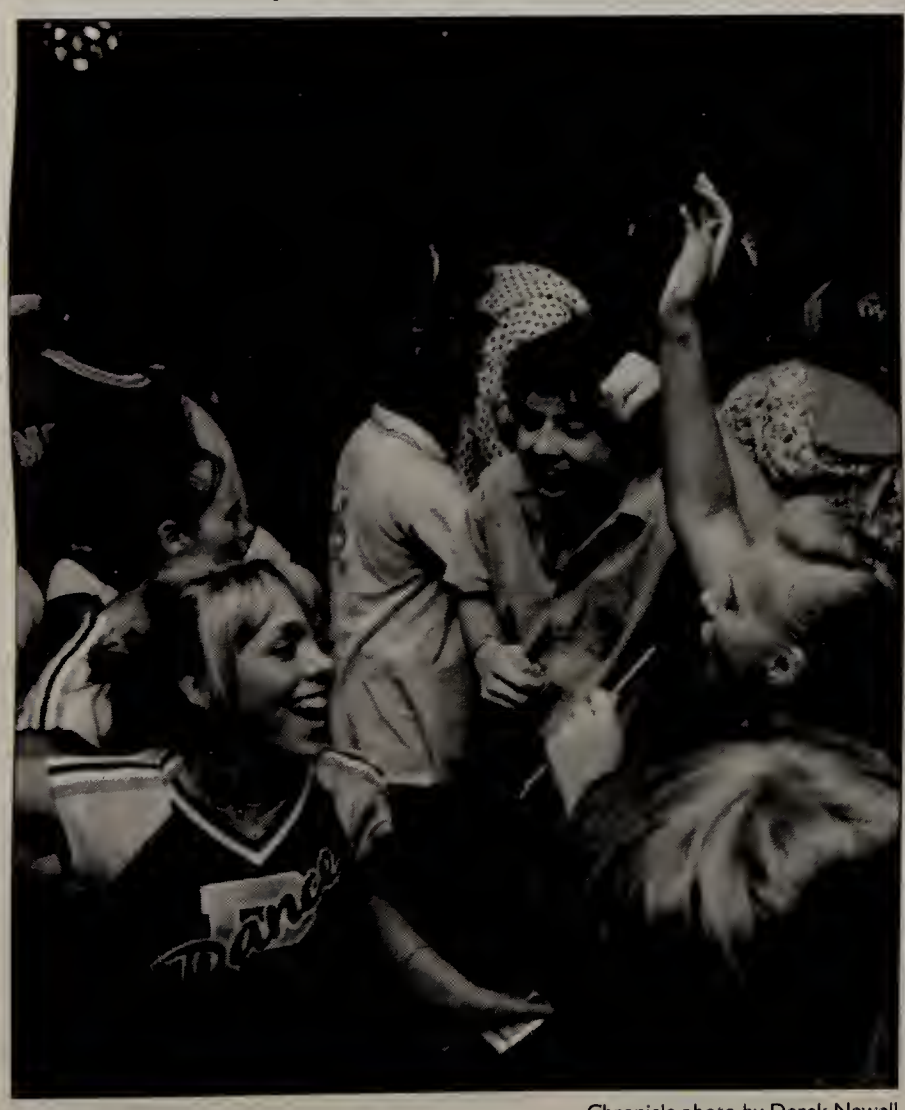
Laura Montesinos was the dance team's queen nominee last year. When asked how it felt to be queen this year, she was indifferent.

"I tend to think I'm a queen every day," said Montesinos. "And the dance team is always royalty."

Student activities expected a similar *turnout to last year's approximate 200, but* some in attendance thought more students should have been there.

"If people gave things a try, they'd see how much fun it could be. More people need to participate in things on campus," said Cassidy Mazzoni, a sophomore majoring in marketing.



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Students danced the night away at The Center last Saturday. The homecoming dance was full of kings and queens.

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Airline regulations out of hand

Jessica Cochran
Sports Editor

It seems to me the safety precautions used by airlines are getting out of hand.

Since 9/11, "high risk" individuals have not been allowed to board a plane. Those who book flights at the last minute are put through extra searches and, recently, a family was even kicked off of a flight home from Florida because their three-year-old daughter wouldn't stop crying.

I can understand where the airline is coming from; they need to worry about the well-being of the other passengers. But I still find it absurd.

Because of the great need for security against rising terrorist threats nationwide, passengers have been subjected to longer waits, more metal detectors and additional searches of suitcases as well as other carry-on items.

Don't get me wrong, having stronger security is a much needed and beneficial thing. And the idea of terrorist attacks are by no means something to disregard.

But how far is too far?

The most recent sanctions were put into play at the end of last summer when passengers were forbidden to carry toiletries and other liquids or pastes such as shampoo, deodorant or even chapstick on board with them. It took hours getting through security and absolutely everything was getting searched. People were even forced to take their shoes and sweatshirts off while going through security checkpoints.

Even booking a flight has become harder. Not only does a person need two forms of identification, but they also need to understand that once a flight is booked, even a year in advance, there is no going back. If something happens and you can't make your flight, don't even think about getting a cash refund because it won't happen.

Even with all the precautions in place people still manage to get passed security or sneak prohibited objects onto the plane. So, what exactly is the added security doing for us, other than creating a plane full of irritated passengers?

Maybe it's not what the security entails, but how the airlines are going about it. If things were more quick and organized, there wouldn't be such a problem.

Letters to the editor

Hey, Peregrines!

Keep this thought in mind: "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times."

The opening sentence from Charles Dickens novel "A Tale of Two Cities" seems quite appropriate given the current state of the men's basketball program. On Dec. 19, 2006, the men's team played what ended up being the last game of the season when they held Taylor University from Upland, Ind. to 39 points.

It was, by far, the best defensive effort of the season. After watching that game, I couldn't help but think that maybe you were legitimate contenders to win the CCAC championship and challenge for a spot in the NAIA national tournament. But one can't help but wonder now that the season has been completely destroyed, what if?

What if the players from the men's basketball team who are now academically ineligible would have put the same effort into schoolwork as they did that night against Taylor University?

We can wonder all we want. But now, we will never, ever know.

That is the legacy of the 2006-07 men's basketball season here at PUC. The story has even reached national media and internet websites, forcing Rob Jensen, Mike James, and the coaching staff to resign from their positions.

Truly, it is a dark moment for intercollegiate sports at PUC. Anyone who is reading this is compelled to ask whether PUC should continue fielding intercollegiate teams.

John Friend attempted to address the issue when he told The Chronicle that if there are students living on campus, then there is going to be a need for more intercollegiate sports.

One can look at the Purdue main campus, IU Bloomington, or even Notre Dame as examples to see Friend's point.

The immediate challenge is to address the issues which led to the eight players failing to make the grades. However, all of us here at PUC would do well to consider answers to some of these questions as well:

Where should the athletic program be in five years? Ten years?

Should we manage the behavior of student-athletes representing PUC to keep something like this from happening again?

Who should monitor the performance of student-athletes in the classroom?

What are your thoughts concerning the future of the PUC athletic programs? Please feel free to tell us by visiting our office located at SUL-324F.

Dave Thompson
Public Relations Chair
Student Government

I'm writing in regards to the article I read in the paper- TNA best in wrestling entertainment. I believe that this is not true.

TNA does not have great athletes like the ones in WWE. In fact, half of the TNA roster came from WWE. People like Kurt Angle, Christian Cage, Christy Hemmee, Team 3D, VKM, Raven, etc., they all came from WWE first. Even Jim Cornette, the man now in charge of TNA, came from WWE.

Without WWE, TNA won't even be a competitor. No superstar on TNA can compare to Hulk Hogan, The Rock, HHH, Stone Cold, The Ultimate Warrior, Eddie Guererro or any other legend in WWE. They were here first and they are the best.

Granted, some of it is fake, but it's fun to watch and they keep you guessing.

So, next time you want to say TNA is better than WWE, do your homework a little better.

Thank you for your time.

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E-textbooks, Internet can provide cheap alternatives to university bookstores

The costs of college textbooks are utterly outrageous. Some students walk into the SUL bookstore and leave in tears by the time they exit.

A student could end up buying used books costing upwards of $80. By the end of the semester, students are given an insufficient amount of compensation when they sell their books back.

Books are sometimes bought back for $30 or $40 less than what the company turns around and sells them for.

This poses a major problem for students who buy books for classes which are not pertinent to their individual major.

The majority of students do not even discover their true calling until their sophomore or junior year. This means significant amounts of money have been lost to textbooks which are completely worthless to the student's career.

This can be similar to spending money on parts to a car which they do not buy.

It does not have to be this way.

E-textbooks can save buyers 50 percent on purchasing books for their classes, according to an AP report. Not only do e-textbooks allow students and parents to save money, it would also eliminate the problem of students who sell back books because it would be unnecessary.

The classes would have texts which could be purchases online or offered free in some cases, and access would be quick and easy.

E-textbooks have not been well promoted on campuses around the country. The bookstore at PUC certainly does not have any advertisements for the product.

Students deserve the right to know about opportunities which may save them money.

Congress is currently considering a bill which would eliminate college textbook sales tax. This may save textbook buyers 10 percent to 15 percent on books if they are taking at least 12 credit hours.

This is a small but necessary change in altering the exorbitant cost of higher education.

At the very least, students should be able to buy textbooks off of the internet and actually get them before the semester starts.

I know many students have been in this situation after waiting too long before ordering the books. Some though, purchase their books weeks before the semester and still do not receive them before the first day of classes. But textbooks off of amazon.com and other sites can save students lots of money.

There are people who work hard jobs and make sacrifices to attend a university. For students to have to spend hundreds of dollars on textbooks is a complete lack of responsibility by the higher education system to compensate them for their time and initiative.

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Role playing takes stage with Lorenguard

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Lorenguard, originally from Lafayette, is known for their themed live performances. Lorenguard band members dress up in cloaks and cowls to add to their concert themes of medival time.

Michael Finney
Staff Writer

Have you ever played "Dungeons & Dragons" or "Dark Tower?" If you recall the former, then kudos. How about a role-playing game for a video game system, maybe "World of Warcraft?" Try living it on stage in front of an adoring fan base. Lorenguard, hailing from the blistering cold and mountainous region of Western Lafayette, do just that each time they suit up and slay the crowd.

Watching seven guys embrace their dream of being fantasy heroes is awesome. Watching seven guys do it while rocking out heavy metal in full garb is something worth seeing. No reference is left out; castle siege, dragons, swords and shields, demons and dark princess'. Lorenguard takes you there; lyrically, musically and visually.

Fittingly, the members have chosen stage names that embody their imagery and personas. Lead vocalist Rob Smith becomes "Donovan Marlowe," Raleigh Barrett performs narrations and additions vocals as the Viking-themed "Skahgerok Sindre," David Russell (who recently won his own victory over Leukemia) suits up in a cloak and cowl on the keyboard as "Anerith Zathon," guitarists Dave Schneider and T.J. Hunt are "Anathu" and "Prince *Cedric Galvian" and lastly,* brothers in life and the rhythm section Adam and Brady Sadler wield the bass and drum kit as "Sebastian" and "Raiken Belrouse."

Live - this group is glorious, even while sick. The vocals sail Dio style over the music and the guitarists bring the shred the entire set.

It was awesome to watch the curtain pull out of sight and reveal not just a band but an experience involving seven fellows who know what to do with a stage and some snappy attire.

Check out a couple tracks from this release or the new EP soon to be unveiled "Ensorcelled by Shadow" at

www.myspace.com/lorenguard.

Donovan makes all the right gestures even swinging his hands into the air and holding them in the "just-right" position as if calling for a snifter of brandy.

Each guitar solo builds and dive-bombs with pinch harmonic doom at all the right moments. To top off what was already an enrapturing performance the band passes out toy swords during their "hit." I ain't gonna lie here folks; I ran to the front of the stage to try and get one but was overwhelmed by the blood-thirsty, sword-swinging crowd and was denied the chance.

Lorenguard's first EP "Of Tales to Come" visits familiar fantasy metal stomping grounds. The best part about it though is those of us from Indiana get to claim them, seeing as how the members come from both Indianapolis and Lafayette. The production isn't a perfect fit for a metal band but don't think for a minute it lacks quality. Everything sounds beautiful and full.

Don't spend much on a ride with "The Hitcher"

JadeLee Culberson
Senior Staff Writer

While not as innovative or gritty as the 1986 original, Dave Meyers' "The Hitcher" is one of the better horror film remakes in recent years.

Written by Jake Wade Wall and Eric Bernt, and based on Eric Red's original screenplay, this version of "The Hitcher" adds a new character – our hero, Jim (Zachary Knighton), has a girlfriend, Grace (Sophia Bush).

The film begins with Jim and Grace driving to their spring break destination – and with Grace changing clothes in the car. Before the "cute college couple" can bore audiences to death, however, they are nearly killed by John Ryder (Sean Bean), a hitchhiker they reluctantly pick up in the rain.

Since they are in the middle of nowhere and have lost their cell phones (of course) in the struggle with Ryder, their only option is to keep driving to seek assistance. This leads to a series of misadventures in which they discover Ryder is far from done with them and that small-town authorities are extremely suspicious of young strangers.

Meyers' keeps "The Hitcher" suspenseful. The film lacks depth and good acting, but succeeds at keeping the audience in suspense between sessions of death and torture.

Knighton is a poor replacement for 1986's C. Thomas Howell and Bush's performance leaves a lot to be desired though her character's concept does not (she manages to approach, if not achieve, empowerment).

Bean's performance pales in comparison to Rutger Hauer's in the original, but is respectable nonetheless. The standout performance of the film goes to Neal McDonough as Lieutenant Esteridge, a hardworking but understanding police officer.

Though the soundtrack is fairly predictable but effective, Nine Inch Nails' "Closer" playing loudly during a chase scene captures the urgency and brutality well, and other songs follow suit – capturing feeling and lacking originality, much like the film.

Rated R for profanity and graphic violence, "The Hitcher" is not for the squeamish. There is plenty of blood and gore, but at least no cheesy CGI special effects.

"The Hitcher" is definitely not worth the cost of an evening showing at the movie theatre. However, especially for those who have not seen the original, it might be worth a matinee.

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2007 remake of "The Hitcher" lacks good acting but succeeds in keeping the audience engaged with its suspense and graphic violence.

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Not your average book of advice

Kristen Hannagan
Assistant Entertainment Editor

Self-help books are everywhere these days. They are aimed at many different areas of life one could improve; get-fit books, what to do after college, dating and relating problems and pretty much anything else you could possibly need help with.

The newest addition to the genre is "The Girl's Guide to Absolutely Everything" by Melissa Kirsch.

The front cover of the book looks like a planner and is divided into10 areas of life deserving attention in life; health, work, money, manners, friends, love, family, spirit, home and fashion. The topics are not skimped on either, because the book is 477 pages long including appendices, list of resources the author used and an index for handy looking up.

Kirsch said in the introduction she was inspired to write this book after working as an editor and would have to look at books apparently aimed at her then the 20-something age range.

After continuously looking at such books, Kirsch said she then decided to make a book of her own and sought out advice from women she looked up to- as to what they wish they would have known in their 20s as well as what they still do not know.

The book also contains facts from authorities in the different areas discussed in the book as well as personal stories from women Kirsch had contacted through interviews and e-mail.

While the book contains advice mainly common sense and probably something you have learned either in school or through simply living life, the advice is all together in one place for simple consulting.

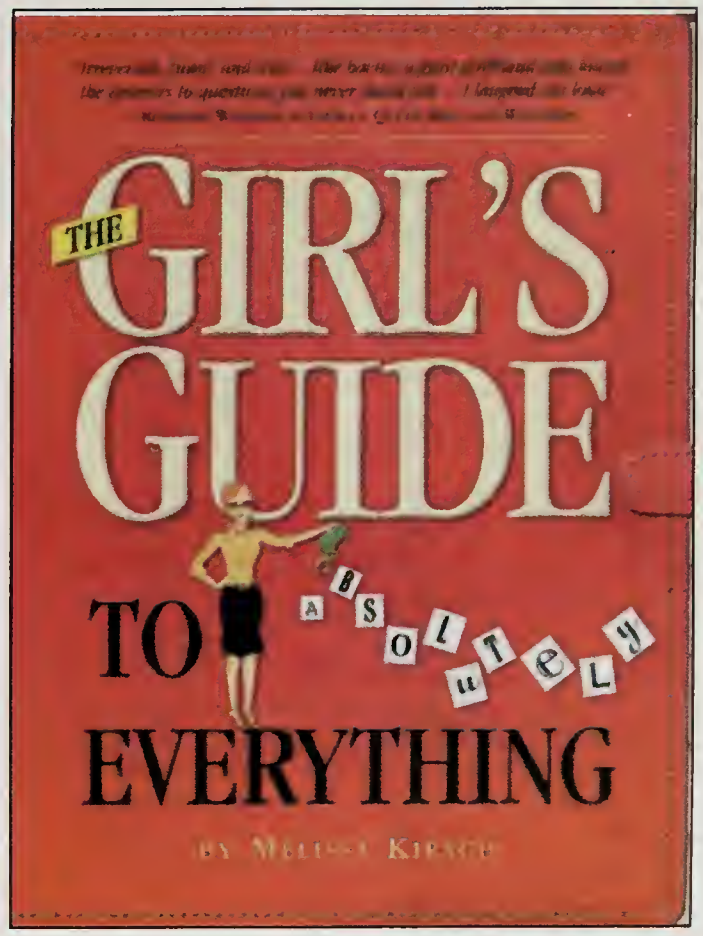
The book is also a ready reference for those who are too embarrassed to ask questions about things people already presume one knows.

Didn't pay attention in economics or find that a trip to the bank leaves you more confused than what you already were? In the money section of the book, Kirsch explains W-4's, stocks, taxes, IRAs, credit cards along with tips on how to save money and what kind of spending "bird" you are and how to correct your habits.

Wondering if your fashion sense if up to snuff? In the fashion section Kirsch tells you what accessories not to use (items like Burger King crowns, fannypacks and '70s retro-lunch boxes get the boot), how to make your clothing work for your body type and the benefits of "cost per wear."

Kirsch does realize her book is not the final authority in the field of women conducting their lives and even mentions so in the introduction of the book.

She welcomes readers to contact her with feedback at www.melissakirsch.com.



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From business and fashion advice to relationship quizzes, Melissa Kirsch's new self-help book offers fast facts and helpful information.

Wine and dine at Livio's

Isabel Rodriguez
Entertainment Editor

Perfecting chicken fettuccine alfredo for a customer's taste buds proves difficult for some restaurants - even specialty restaurants. Take Olive Garden -though their chicken in the fettuccine alfredo is perfectly cooked with flavor, its alfredo sauce lacks rich taste to satisfy a pasta lover.

If you're looking for some of the best Italian cuisine in town (and even worth comparing to that of The Cheesecake Factory or Chef Joel's in Highland) cruise by Livio's Restaurant and Bar in St. John.

This dimly-lit establishment gives a wealthy, yet relaxable feel to its atmosphere - a restaurant suitable not only for adults but for families as well. Near the entrance stands the hostess who may direct you towards your choice to their exquisite bar (located to the left) or to the right, behind the glass door where the large, center dining area is.

Once selecting the seating area, start off your meal with an appetizer- preferably the calamari, baked and breaded rather than fried. If not, opt for Livio's cheese *stix- costing only $5.25 (which* aren't too special and I recommend trying something different).

Winning the award for best dishes on the menu go to the gourmet pizza (starting at $8.95 for a medium cheese, $9.95 for medium sausage), pastas (especially stuffed shells with ricotta and parmesan cheese) and full-slab of delicious, sweet and tangy ribs. Yet Livio's chicken fettuccine alfredo wins the best plate on the menu- grilled, rich chicken with delicious flavor-filled alfredo sauce mixed to perfection will make your taste buds water.

Though pastas are their specialty, Livio's offers sandwiches including Italian beef, subs and steak sandwiches starting at $5.95. Seafood selections include Lake Perch and fried shrimp- a bit too greasy for shrimp but nonetheless edible.

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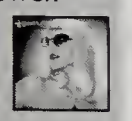

*Stripped Down: The Acoustic Tribute to Fall Boy- Various Artists

* Not Too Late- Norah Jones

* In Da Streets- T.I. and P$C

*I Love Japan- Sugarcult

*Daniel Powter (CD/DVD)- Daniel Powter

*Catch the Moon- Lisa Loeb

*The Best of Travis Tritt- Travis Tritt

*Approximately Infinite Universe [Bonus Tracks]- Yoko Ono

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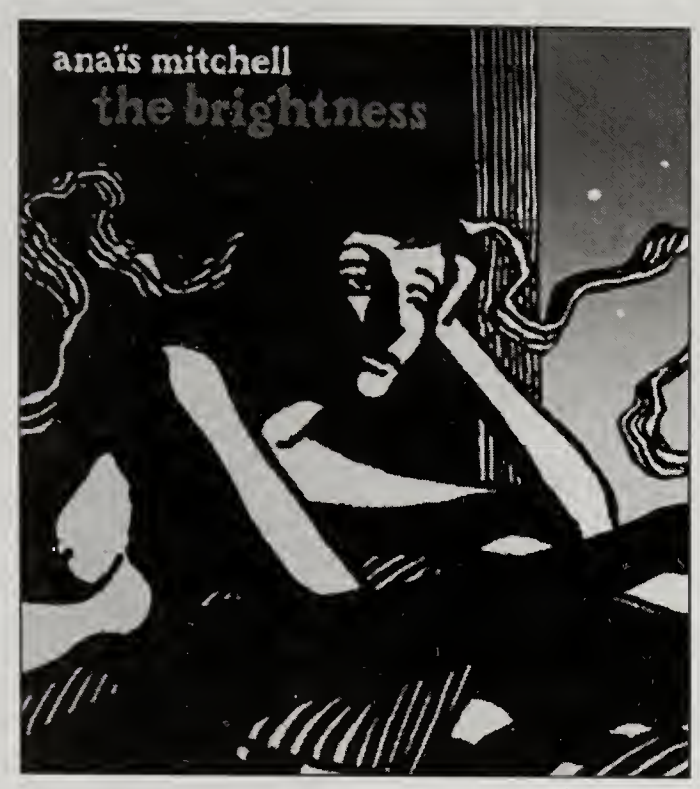
This week's CD review...

Anais Mitchell: The Brightness

Elizabeth Wilkinson
Managing Editor



cduniverse.com

Anais Mitchell's sophomore album "The Brightness" lacks strong vocals - hers are too childlike and almost comical.

Anais Mitchell tries to jump on the acoustic-folk singer/songwriter bandwagon with the release of her second album "The Brightness," due out Feb. 14. She has the acoustic-folk thing down pat and could easily become a part of the ever-growing scene made up of similar artists. That is, if it wasn't for her almost comical singing voice.

The first song, "Your Tender Heart" begins with vocals that are high, shallow and child-like. They are the vocals you would expect from a 13 year-old in a local theater production, not from a 25 year-old hoping to break into the music business. The vocals get stronger throughout the album, but they wear on a listener after just a few songs.

What could be a decent sounding song just cannot be carried by Mitchell's vocals.

"Way over yonder/ I'm waiting and wondering/ wither your fonder heart lies" is just one example of the cheesy lyrics that are dispersed throughout.

The band that backs Mitchell is decent- but the music is all so simple that it's hard to pin-point if these are talented musicians or just passable. Mitchell's voice eclipses everything on the album anyway.

"Shenandoah" is a low point on the album. The banjo accompanies Mitchell in a song that stops short every time it gains steam, creating a jerky effect doing nothing but frustrate listeners.

Mitchell's first album "Hymns for the Exiled" is now out of print. "The Brightness" will likely follow suit. It's just not a strong enough album to gain much attention- through word of mouth or radio play.

There are some moments that are really good on the album. *"Changes" isn't strong through*out but it has some parts showing that Mitchell almost has the talent to carry an album but then she goes back to that high, thin voice and listeners are again let down.

It's hard to imagine Mitchell in the studio and people telling her this is a good album- she probably wouldn't even make it through the first round of "American Idol."

Overall CD rating:

zAP! zAP!

2 Out of 5 Zaps!

Visit the www.pucchronicle.com for pictures and video of Anais Mitchell

Society hooked on celebrities' addictions

JadeLee Culberson
Senior Staff Writer

I don't understand why our society is obsessed with celebrities who spend most of their time and money destroying themselves.

While perusing the news online this week, I've seen several versions of the recent "Lindsay Lohan checked herself into rehab" story, which include rumors that she received an intervention from movie executives and her mother's statement that she is very proud of her daughter for seeking help.

Since all Lohan seems to have said publicly about the issue is that she would like to be given privacy and she's enjoying this season of "American Idol." I don't understand why she's making headlines.

Britney Spears' career was recently helped by her filing for divorce and then flashing her privates. Since when is this more useful to a star's career than actually making an album or film?

We've always enjoyed watching celebrity scandal, but now it seems that society prefers self-destruction to juicy rumors.

So-called "reality TV" now includes VH1's "Shooting Sizemore," in which it seems, so far, the viewer is forced to watch Tom Sizemore rant about how his acting was better when he was doing crystal methamphetamine and how he has no confidence in himself sober.

What is so interesting about a celebrity who claims he/she is miserable and addicted to drugs and/or alcohol because of the "burden" of fame and fortune? If fame and wealth are so difficult to deal with, why not just give it up? Maybe get an education and get a real job? Celebrities have gotten themselves addicted to drugs and alcohol for as many years as celebrity status has existed – why are we still so interested?

My suggestion – skip the article about what Lohan wore to rehab and read about politics or (imagine this) a book.

Isabel's Fashion Don't of the Week

Low-riser jeans are a great trend to wear. Yet proceed with caution when deciding to sport this trend. Too tight or too low low-rise jeans will bring on a big fashion no-no; the muffin top.

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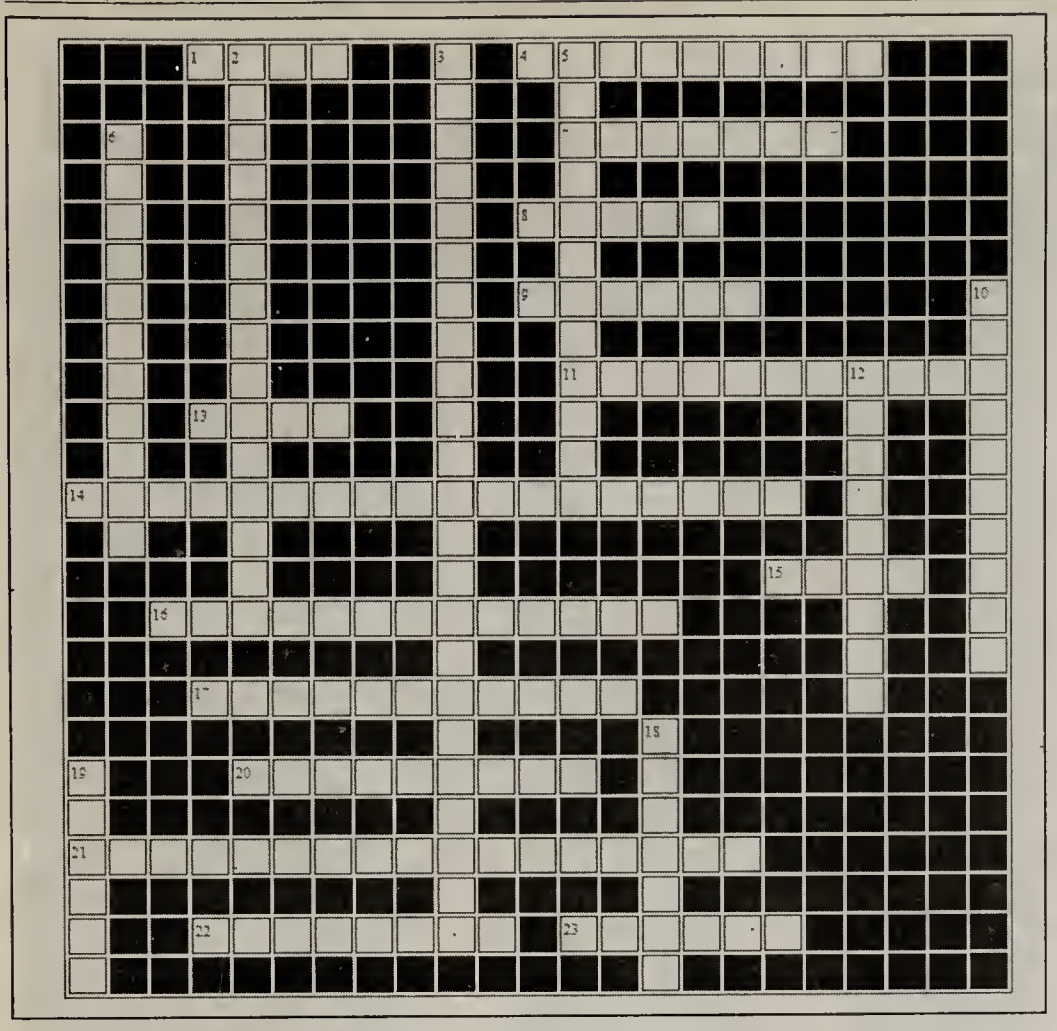

Who sang it?

1990's rap

Across

1. Slam
4. What's My Name
7. Whoop! There It Is
8. Keep the Heads Ringin'
9. Gangsta's Paradise
11. Whatta Man
13. Informer
14. The Humpty Dance
15. Picture Me Rollin'
16. Rumpshaker
17. Dangerous
20. Jump
21. Tha Crossroads
22. That's Why We Pray
23. Crush on You

Down

2. Hip Hop Hooray
3. Boom Shake the Room
5. Hypnotize
6. JumpAgain
10. Baby Got Back
12. It's All About the Benjamins
18. Around the Way Girl
19. Tootsie Roll

The Chronicle Weekly Weather Forecast

Monday
January 22
Flurries
31°/23°

Tuesday
January 23
Few Snow Showers
32°/27°

Wednesday
January 24
Flurries
34°/23°

Thursday
January 25
Flurries and Wind
28°/21°

Friday
January 26
Sunny
34°/23°

Saturday
January 27
Partly Cloudy/Wind
32°/20°

Sunday
January 28
Partly Cloudy
24°/16°

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PUC Police Blotter

1/14/07
5 p.m.
Parking Lot #9
Police assisted a female who said she was feeling faint and dizzy. A family member was contacted and took subject home.

1/22/07
5:10 p.m.
Potter 334
Victim reported that a subject known to him possibly removed his computer tower from his room without permission. Incident is being investigated.

6:45 p.m.
University Village
Victim reported that a subject known to her has been using fowl language towards her every time he sees her. Both parties were advised to stay away from each other.

1/23/07
7 p.m.
University Village
The victims parked vehicle was struck by another vehicles as it was pulled into the parking space right next to the victim's vehicle.

1/24/07
6:30 p.m.
Gyte
The professor of the class called the police to have a student removed from his class.

1/25/07
4:30 a.m.
South Campus Buildings
NIPCO was working on a pole that had been struck by a vehicle causing the power to fail in the south campus building. Power was restored at 5:30 a.m.

1:35 p.m.
Parking Lot #1
A vehicle was left parked on the grass and unattended. It was towed by Woodmar Towing to their lot.

DeYoung's number 14 retired

Jessica Cochran
Sports Editor

The number 14 will never be worn by another PUC women's basketball player after, for the first time in PUC history, a former student-athlete's jersey number was retired.

Hammond native and three-time Kodak All-American women's basketball player Lee Ann DeYoung was honored Saturday at halftime of the Lady Peregrine's v.s. Illinois Institute of Technology homecoming basketball game.

DeYoung, now DeYoung-Slowik, wore the number 14 on the court from 1984-88 when she played forward for who were then known as the PUC Lady Lakers.

DeYoung-Slowik also received the Purdue Alumni Association-Calumet's annual Bob Hayes Athletic Alumni Award. The Hayes Award is named after the retired PUC coach, athletic director, faculty member and statistician who served in the athletic program for 37 years. It is presented to a former distinguished PUC athlete or other graduate following his or her career at the university.

With a total of 2,592 points, averaging 24.5 ppg, DeYoung-Slowik is recognized as PUC's all-time leading basketball scorer among both women and men.

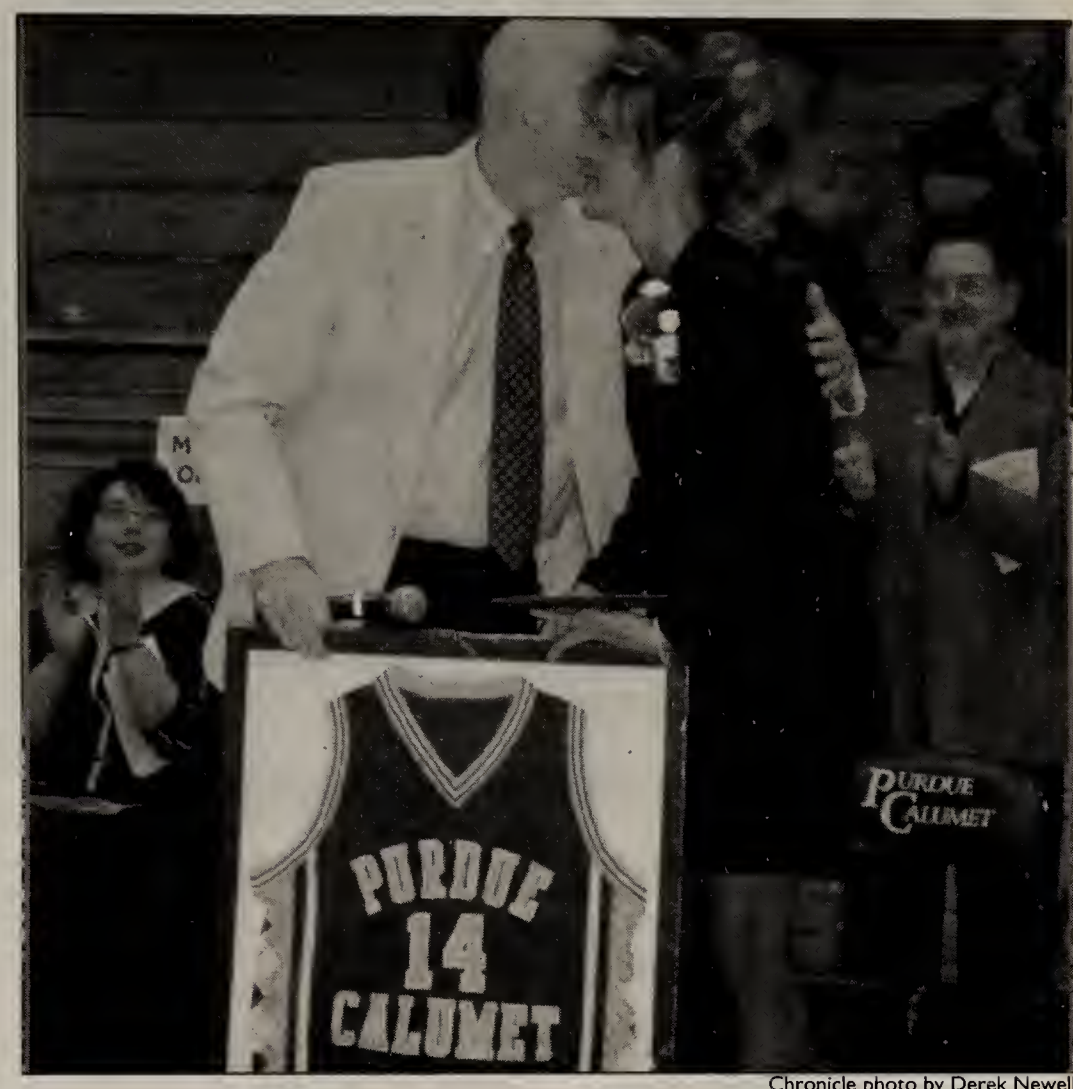
"This is all a bit overwhelming," said DeYoung-Slowik. "It's been so many years I thought .someone would have knocked off my record by now."

The former athlete also totaled 1,211 rebounds, 258 steals and 131 assists during her four year basketball career.

As a sophomore, junior and senior, DeYoung-Slowik was named to the Kodak Women's All-American Basketball Team for National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics institutions, which was compiled of only ten players nationwide. She was also a three-time NAIA District 21 Player of the Year and an All-Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference selection.

"It's only appropriate that we retire the number 14," said Athletic Consultant John Friend, who served as PUC's athletic director during her playing career.

DeYoung-Slowik earned nursing degrees from PUC in 1988 and 1992, and worked in health care for 17 years before joining her family's real estate business. Currently she coaches high school basketball at Elcho and resides in Wisconsin with her husband and three children.



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John Friend, holding the retired jersey, congradulates Lee Ann DeYoung-Slowik Saturday night during halftime of the homecoming game.

PUC athletics: A long history of struggle and cancellations

Jeremy Homan
Assistant Sports Editor

Students and faculty may not know PUC used to have five team sports - including men's and women's basketball, women's volleyball, soccer and golf.

Basketball, soccer and volleyball were the only sports to participate in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics or any conference play.

PUC currently has one NAIA sport, men's and women's basketball. Softball and baseball are both club sports hoping to become NAIA eligible next year.

PUC sports date as far back as the 1950s, when Frank Carroll started soccer. The first sports were in a conference known as District 21 which included the entire state.

Carroll kept soccer going through the 1980s and was succeeded by a coach brought in from Portage who kept the team very competitive.

"Soccer was a highly rated sport around here," said Interim Athletic Director John Friend.

The team peaked with a 15-1 season.

Soccer was played on a field located where the University Village sits, with little or no financial aid. The team consisted of talented players from all over, including many foreign athletes.

Academic ineligibility from athletes who skipped class was a major problem for the soccer team. The last year of soccer was the 1998 season when the coach finally had enough and called it quits.

A club soccer team was eventually reformed but folded due to a decrease in interest.

"Students need to be passionate about something they want."
Dave Fanno

Volleyball was one of the weaker sports at PUC, which dated back to the early 1980s and lasted until 1998.

"Volleyball was decent, but we were never really up to the top level," said Friend. "We never really made a big commitment to resources in terms of scholarships."

The group used some girls from the basketball program to put together a team and had a few successful seasons.

Stacy Zurek was the coach and kept the girls very competitive, but it was tough for the team to succeed when they played schools like Notre Dame.

Volleyball eventually came to an end when a student group voted the sport be done away with because they considered it a waste of money.

"I was strongly against that decision and still am to this day," said Friend.

Golf was around from the 1970s to the 1980s and was a strong sport with a committed coach, Gordon Rosenau, who was also a professor.

Golf had successful years with very good golfers, but by the mid 1980s interest was lost in the game and Rosenau had trouble finding players.

Men and women's basketball has been the backbone of the athletic program for years. Basketball started, stopped and restarted again and it wasn't until the early 1980s when basketball became a consistent sport.

Both programs had success over the years. The women's team won a championship in the 1980s. In 1994, the men made it to the finals but lost to Taylor University.

It wasn't until the early 1990s when athletics moved to the Chicago Collegiate Athletic Conference.

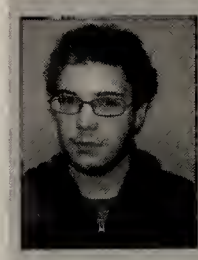
The women's team went on to win the CCAC championship in the 1995-96 season, but both teams have shared the success over the years.

Friend believes volleyball would be the most likely to come back. With all the talent around the area and the great programs offered, he believes volleyball could bring in more students.

But with new sports comes commitment.

"Students need to be passionate about something they want," said sports information director Dave Fanno.

The Colts can count on losing the Super Bowl



Brandon Thomas
News Editor

The unexplained happened last weekend when the Indianapolis Colts were named as the Chicago Bear's opponent in the 2007 Super Bowl. Who knew? I chose the Bears to go to the big game. Their competition in theNFC began and ended with the New Orleans Saints. But the Colts in the Super Bowl?

The Colts will lose this game, but they have had quite a ride on their way.

I thought Indianapolis was going to play their first game against 230 pound Larry Johnson and the Kansas City Chiefs. Johnson has 30 pounds on every starting member of the Colts secondary. I was shocked when I saw him have trouble getting back to the line of scrimmage against the Colts 31 ranked run defense.

Peyton Manning threw three picks. I thought the Chiefs were going to run the ball up and down the field on their defense.

Since then, the Colts have silenced all critics with the performance of their defense and running game. This allowed Manning to continue playing under par in the play-offs while the Colts upset their first two opponents. Manning eventually came back and defeated his nemesis, the New England Patriots in the Championship round.

The Bears on the other hand, came into the play-offs as the number one seed and though they were seen as the underdog on Selection Sunday. They beat the Saints with their running game. 'Good' Rex Grossman was able to sit comfortably in the pocket and hand the ball off to his two running backs to take the heat off of him.

The participants of Super Bowl XLI are a defensive juggernaut from the underdog NFC and an offense-oriented underdog from the consensually superior AFC.

One school of thought would say Manning is going to have to perform well and not allow turnovers to defeat the Bears.

I would have to say the pressure in this game rests squarely on the shoulders of the Colts defense. They have to stop the run. If they did, they would be Super Bowl Champions. The Colts will not be able to do this. The Bears will wear their team down with turnovers and a conservative running game which will consistently put pressure on the Colts defense.

Boyle crowned card shark

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Brian Willis (top left), Michael McCarthey (top right), Nick Kalwinski (bottom left) and Rich Boyle (bottom right) take part in Thursday's Texas Hold 'Em tournament.

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The popularity of Texas Hold 'Em poker has been on the rise in recent years, and no exception has been made with PUC intramurals.

Rich Boyle took home the intramural Hold 'Em championship Thursday night in the REC center.

The open-play tournament began with four players, but quickly boiled down to the eventual winner and Mike McCarthy.

Neither player wanted to be the aggressor as hand after hand went by with each refusing to bet after the blinds.

"You just have to wait for your opportunities or you'll get burned," said Boyle, a junior secondary education major.

Boyle is no stranger to poker tables. He stays out of the casinos, but said he plays often with friends and is no stranger to Hold 'Em tournaments. The Southern-Illinois native said he's won first prize in three previous tournaments and placed in 10.

McCarthy had the bigger stack for most of the night but Boyle slowly chipped away and on the final hand decided to make the first aggressive move of the evening.

"I thought to myself, 'I can win now or I can sit and wait,'" said Boyle.

Boyle went all in after the 10-7-3 flop holding a pair of sevens. McCarthy called with a pair of threes and a champion was crowned.

Both players were given PUC intramural T-shirts, but only Boyle holds the title of PUC's best card shark.

Excitement at homecoming

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The crowd shows their support in the stands at halftime during the homecoming festivies held Saturday night in the REC Center Gym. During the break the dance team performed, Lee Ann DeYoung was honored and the three fight song finalists were narrowed down to one winner.

Pro Sports Notebooks

Joe Gibbs has reportedly interviewed for the Dallas Cowboys Head Coach position. If Gibbs gets the job it will lead to his retirement after a season with Terrell Owens.

Colts QB Peyton Manning's thumb is fine after hurting it in the AFC championship game. Manning is going to have more than his thumb to worry about when he faces the Bear's defense.

Bengal's WR Chris Henry was released from jail last week after letting minors drink in a hotel room. Henry was the ninth Bengal's player to be arrested in the last nine months. What a great example these players are setting for kids.

The San Diego Charger's promoted running-back coach Clarence Shelmon to offensive coordinator replacing Cam Cameron.

On Saturday Bulls center Ben Wallace suffered a hyper extended knee late in the fourth quarter against the Heat. The Bulls are optimistic and hope that Wallace will return soon. Without Wallace the Bulls are a much more vulnerable team.

The All-Star game starters were announced last week. Of the starters, Shaq made the squad. Shaq has hardly played a game this year and has no place on the team. Apparently the fans don't realize the year Dwight Howard is having with the Magic.

Last Saturday Knicks guard Jamal Crawford scored 15 points including a streak of 16 straight shots. It seems like almost any player that is traded from a Chicago sports team turns out to be an all-star.

The Red Sox and Rockies are reportedly in trade talks that would send 1B Todd Helton to Boston. Helton is owed $90.1 million over the next six years and this trade would clear some money up for the Rockies. Lets see how many home runs Helton can hit when he's not in that Denver thin air.

The Minnesota Twins still have not signed arbitration-eligible Joe Mauer, Justin Morneau, and Michael Cuddyer. What can they possibly be waiting for? Without those guys the Twins will go nowhere.

The White Sox signed IF/OF Darin Erstad last week. Erstad can expect to see some time with Scott Podsednik recently having groin surgery as well as rotating in centerfield with Brian Anderson.

The Cubs signed OF Cliff Floyd last week to a one-year deal. Floyd will likely play the corner outfield positions as a back-up. Matt Murton will not lose his starting job in left field.

This Week in Intramurals

Open Play Kickball
Tuesday, Jan. 30
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Location: REC Center Gym

Marbles Tournament
Wednesday, Jan. 31
Time: 7p.m.
Location: REC Center gym

Rock, Paper, Scissors Tournament
Thursday, Feb. 1
Time: 7 p.m.
Location: PUC Racquetball Courts

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Ladies get first conference win

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Sports Editor

Late into the second half, aggression got the best of both teams when the referee had to step between PUC's Krystal Rigoni and IIT's Jackie Puschkar after a foul was called on the Lady Scarlet Hawks and the two were knocked to the floor.

Peregrine spirit could be seen both on the court and from the filled stands Saturday night as PUC hosted the Illinois Institute of Technology (5-18, 0-6). Amongst the homecoming activities, The Ladies Peregrines (5-15, 1-4) were able to pull off their first conference win of the season, 68-53.

"We definitely know how to make a game interesting. It goes to show you what focus and the ability to make good shots can do for us," said Head Coach Dennis Smith.

The Lady Peregrines showed their will to win from the very first basket. Wearing gold uniforms in memory of Coach Smith's father, which are only worn on special occasions, the team didn't disappoint.

As junior guard/forward Linsey Smith sunk two baskets in a row, the Lady Peregrines managed to grab hold of a strong lead.

Smith ended the night with 15 points and two rebounds, second in points behind senior center Jessica Hamman's 17 and four. Freshman forward Sara Keilman followed close behind with 14 points and five rebounds of her own.

The Lady Peregrines' chemistry worked well both on offense and defense throughout the night, but PUC struggled to pull down rebounds.

"Are you actually rebounding or are you just hoping to get one," yelled Coach Smith from the sidelines.

The Lady Peregrines lead by 14 at the half, but the break was critical for PUC. The beginning of the second half resulted in a slower game and lost momentum by the Lady Peregrines. PUC struggled to break free of the tough IIT defense, and relaxed passes hurt them.

IIT broke to within seven points of the lead, but that's as close as they'd get.

With the last seconds winding down, PUC easily sent the ball down court for a lay-up by Hamman and received a standing ovation from the crowd as the buzzer sounded.

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Coach Smith speaks to the Ladies during the homecoming game Saturday night where they defeated IIT to get their first conference win of the season, 68-53.

Although tired and red-faced, the Lady Peregrines managed to obtain their first win in the Chicago Collegiate Athletic Conference, 68-53. The Lady Peregrines rest at sixth of seven places in the CCAC standings, ahead of IIT.

"We're improving, but we have to get more wins," said Coach Smith.

The Lady Peregrines will travel to Joliet on Tuesday to compete against the University of St. Francis, ranked third in the conference.

Inside...her DVD collection

#32 Sara Keilman

1. Dodgeball
2. The Wedding Planner
3. Step Up
4. How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days
5. Nsync - Backstage
6. The Princess Diaries 2
7. 10 Things I Hate about You
8. A lot Like Love
9. Newlyweds
10. Shrek
11. The Notebook
12. 13 Going on 30
13. Miss Congeniality
14. A Cinderella Story

Box Scores

PUC vs. Illinois Institute of Technology

# PLAYER	TP	RBD	TO	MIN
23 LaKeisha Hurst	5	2	0	10
32 Sara Keilman	14	5	8	40
40 Shannon Dugan	7	2	2	37
44 Linsey Smith	15	3	0	40
50 Jessica Hamman	17	4	4	36
13 Stephanie Peacock	0	3	1	11
22 Krystal Rigoni	10	5	1	27
10 Nicole Enright	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	**68**	**23**	**16**	**200**

PUC vs. Trinity International University

# PLAYER	TP	RBD	TO	MIN
3 LaKeisha Hurst	16	11	2	30
32 Sara Keilman	0	6	5	28
40 Shannon Dugan	6	5	7	32
44 Linsey Smith	7	6	1	37
10 Nicole Enright	0	2	0	1
13 Stephanie Peacock	2	0	4	11
22 Krystal Rigoni	2	6	2	24
50 Jessica Hamman	11	7	4	36
TOTALS	**44**	**44**	**25**	**200**

PUC vs. Olivet Nazarene University

# PLAYER	TP	RBD	TO	MIN
23 LaKeisha Hurst	13	2	3	29
32 Sara Keilman	2	4	8	31
50 Jessica Hamman	12	14	1	22
40 Shannon Dugan	8	2	7	40
44 Linsey Smith	21	5	7	36
10 Nicole Enright	0	1	1	3
13 Stephanie Peacock	3	2	5	19
22 Krystal Rigoni	4	2	2	20
TOTALS	**63**	**41**	**34**	**200**

1/30 @ ST. FRANCIS UNIVERSITY 7:30 P.M.
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LADY PEREGRINE BASKETBALL